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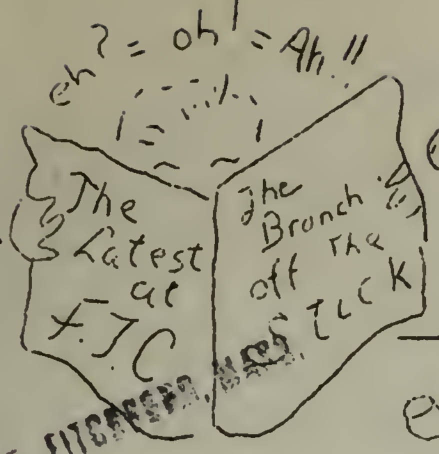

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St Pats Dance To-Night

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MOHAWK POW-POW TONIGHT

The Mohawk tribe will gather near Mount Monadnock tonight in their first mountain "Pow-Wow" in almost four years. Mountain "Pow-Wows" have been the highlight of Mohawk social calendars of many years past, and the braves are looking forward to this one with eager anticipation.

The first group of braves will leave early in the evening, with the remainder of the tribe "hitting the trail" after the dance.

The club has acquired the Leominster Boy Scout Camp for the site of the gathering, a site of many of their former "Pow-Wows".

A considerable number of alumni will be in attendance and will add spirit to the activities planned. Mr. Vincent J. Glennon, one of the co-sponsors of the club, will accompany the tribe in his official position as Guide.

"Keeper of the Wampum" Gouin is in charge of the affair and promises a gala time for all.

To-nite, the spirit of the college will weld as one and swing its easy way to the college library were the smooth music and low lights, the shamrocks green, and colorful backdrop of an Irish home will blend itself and make you feel as though you were in Ireland. The spirits of those who come will be kept at a high level by the reception line made up of Dean Bradt, Mrs. Simmons, Miss Gearan, Mr. Hammond and Mr. Glennon and also Miss Charlotte, president of the Student Cooperative Association.

The students will have a joyous evening dancing from 8:00 to 11:30. With an intermission for refreshments. The men will don their Sunday suits, while the girls will look lovely in their evening gowns.

Alma Willard is chairman of the affair. Committees are as follows: Decorations - Margaret Mary Mallahy, and Marcia Doyle co-chairman. Refreshment Committee - Margaret Wheatly. Music Committee - Jean Fitzgerald. Posters - Helen Peck. Invitations - Ruth Hansen. Chaperones - Judith Prankunas.

A vote of thanks goes to the many other students who are participating in making this event an overwhelming success.

GAV-HAWK GAME

MARCH 25TH

GYM 4 O'CLOCK

The Twig

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EDITORIAL ---
The National Problem

What about our Russian allies? Are they justified in what they are trying to do? What is their future aim? These and other important questions are now reaching a stage where most people are troubled.

In viewing this picture, let us look at the two sides of the situation. Let us put ourselves in the place of the Russians. What would be our reaction in looking over the rest of the world? What would we see? Well, we would see two other great powers, the United States and Great Britain controlling great areas and bound together by a common language.

There is Great Britain, known in the past for her imperial ambitions and the United States with her great producing capacity. These and other facts are confronting the Russian diplomat and presenting unsolved problems to them.

We have little knowledge regarding their thinking. Their actions are far from satisfactory.

Why Russia should have so much secrecy, no one knows until her course in

EPSILON PI TAU

The EPSILON Chapter of the National Honorary Fraternity of EPSILON PI TAU held its first official meeting Wednesday March 13. Members attending were: Henry Lambert, Gardner Sherman and Martin Lahtinen graduate members; undergraduate members, Arthur Russell, President; G. Waldo Healy, Treasurer; Bertram Hirtle, Secretary. The faculty members are Ralph Weston, sponsor; Willis B. Anthony, James J. Hammond, Lawrence Landell, Arthur Purington, and Arthur Harrington. None of the faculty members were present at the first meeting.

Plans were made for accepting new members, selection of which will be governed by scholarship and personal qualifications such as, professional attitude and promise. The candidate must also be at least a third year resident student in college and majoring in Industrial Arts.

The ideals of the fraternity are to recognize the place of "Skill" in Industrial Arts and Vocational-Industrial Education; to promote "Social Efficiency" and to foster, counsel, reward, publish, and circulate the results of "Research" effort in the fields of its interest.

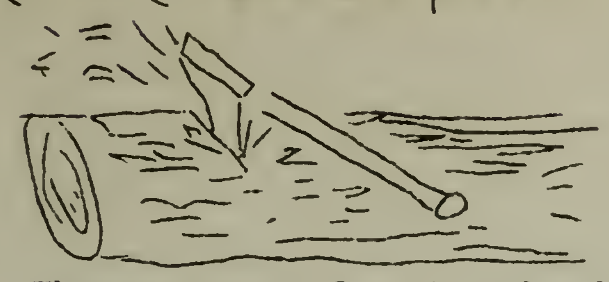
Editorial - Cont'd.

world affairs is defined. There will always be uneasiness throughout the the world.

But we do not need to believe that Russia is not as honest in her effort to find security as are we. She does things that create suspicions on our part but many of our actions prove almost the same thing. Take the Atom Bomb for instance. Are not the Russians thinking of the vast powers the weapon has?

We do hope that the leaders of the world will keep a level head in this situation and keep peace on earth.

Slabs from the Woodpile



Theme song of a textbook;
YOU WON'T BE CERTIFIED UNTIL YOU BREAK MY BACK

Do you remember awayback when mother used butter for a salve for your burns? Or the not so distant days when girls ordered Nylons by trademarks? Or when what this country had was a good five cent cigar for a nickel?

Tonight we will have our St. Patrick's dance. Each of us will glide about in the shamrock filled atmosphere with our colleens or Danny boys. The biggest expense for this affair will be for music. This brings up the age-old question as to why a college of this size doesn't have a band or an orchestra. Have we any musicians? If we have musicians or reasonable facimiles, are they interested in such an organization? This would be a good query for the Riley Poll.

Speaking of the Riley Poll--through it, one of America's greatest mysteries has beensolved. A mystery that has baffled such greats as Sherlock Holmes, Perry Mason, The Shadow, Mr. Anthony, and three contestants on Information Please. Now the truth is out. Now we know all. We have the dastardly culprit, that Fifth Columnist, that saboteur, the fiend who threw the overalls in Mrs. Murphy's chowder.

Telephone Conversation:
"Hello."
"Is this Miller Hall?"
"Yes??"
"Hya Miller."

Well I'll be seeing you at the dance tonight. I'll be the guy in the orange necktie.---Murphy!! Put down that chair!!!!!

OPINIONS FROM THE INTELLIGENCIA
(Cont'd)

Betty Brooks: "I believe THE TWIG is way ahead of THE ATTICA. I base my remarks on the first and only issue published. The most interesting columns are "The Questions of the Week" and "Campus Chatter". The questions asked and the answers by the girls and G.I's were spectacular. I am sure everyone has very high hopes for THE TWIG.

Kit Bourgeois: "THE TWIG is one of the best things that has happened to this college. It seems good to have a paper that can get the pace. We need a push for all our activities and a weekly newspaper can do just that. More power to its staff!

Do you have any gripes? Is everything peerful in your family? Are you satisfied with things in school? Send your letters to Box 210 and let's see what we can do.

The following came to us via the "poll":

A junior girl asked, "Where are we going to get a good drink of water when it is nice and hot in the summer?"

Another junior girl asked, "Why not fix up the tennis courts before the close of the semester? Also, have certain caretakers for the courts, especially after rainstorms."

A sophomore girl asked for a dictionary in the typing room.

Stick or Twig?

"The Stick needs a rest anyway."

"I like to hear the latest."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NEW TWIG?

ERNIE PIKE: "It's an excellent idea.-- a lot better than the once-a-month deal. Good judgment was shown in adopting the new name, TWIG. As a result of this foresight, the new publication assumes all responsibility for material which might cause unfavorable comment, and it also assures THE TWIG of its just deserts in material of a noteworthy nature."

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RUDY ALISCH: "Considering the interest factor in scholastic life, the idea of a weekly paper is something to look forward to. However, the slander column is rather puerile for a newspaper of college caliber. It should contain more material of a mature and substantial nature. In my opinion it is a better all-around paper than the time honored STICK. Too bad it has to be mimeographed."

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RUTH BAKER: "The students are behind the weekly paper a hundred per cent. It makes this institution more like a college."

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BEVERLY WHITE: "Wal, I think THE TWIG is an improvement (of course, I've only seen one). It's almost as good as the "Carthage Republican Tribune" and that's going some. Rigidy dig!!!!!
Editor's note--Bev is from Carthage.

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JOE BLOOM: "I like the idea of having a weekly paper. The news we get is up-to-date; keep it that way. In that feature, THE TWIG is a definite improvement over the STICK. (I want to thank the boys for keeping me company in my solitude.)"

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ROBERT W. PROULX: "It's allright but it hasn't enough meat in it. Good solid stuff, though, what there is of it. In comparison with THE STICK, its predecessor, if it comes out every week, I think it is stupendous, collossal, etc."

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JEAN BATTLES: "THE TWIG is really a great improvement. It rates "tops" with me as an ideal college newspaper. Where would we be without the news of the week?"

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HELEN STOCKING: "I think THE TWIG is a branch from the "Tree of Knowledge" itself and I really enjoy reading the various articles. (The Editor promised me a dime for this). A weekly paper seems to have more contact with the students and therefore is more readable; let's have more of them!"

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DAVE DE ANTONIO: "Better than the regular STICK. THE STICK seemed to be run by and to include a certain "clique", while THE TWIG, if it lives up to first impressions, will be a more liberal paper in the sense that it contains a greater cross section of student life, opinion, and general news coverage."

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ANONYMOUS: "It's the protoplasm of scholastic life in this school and as such is necessary for understanding and co-operation. The scope of news coverage is good, and the style seems to be definitely more journalistic than literary---a good thing. I'm not familiar enough with THE STICK to compare the virtues of the two publications."

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LITTLE ACORNS (cont'd.)

A sophomore boy asked for a revival of college initiation next fall as means of inducing school and class spirit.

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Well, another week and another batch of news as gathered by our reporters.

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Stanley W. Potts, prominent member of the Mohawks, seems to be having trouble with the girl of his dreams------Judy. Don't the Indian tactics work?

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Quotes from the "GREAT" Delaney: "Food is ammunition!! I must be full of bullets!!!" "If any woman has three shirts size 15½, consider this a proposal."

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SLOGAN OF THE WEEK:

"Down with the B.T.O.'s (Big Time Operators); or, Empty barrels make a lot of noise!"

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Waldo HealY's resemblance to Gregory Peck has left us "Spellbound."

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Did you get an "A" in Gym or weren't you on the team?"

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With the return of spring most of us forget about "Snow". Don't we, Ruth Hanson?

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DEMAND OF THE WEEK:

Let's see and HEAR more of Ernie "Van" Johnson!!

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Mike Russo seems to have trouble getting from one class to another. It must be serious because he always has a red-headed nurse to help him along. Maybe his "white" blood corpuscles are out-numbered!

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Following Monday evening's concert Cherry and Marilou dropped in to a local joint-----or---restaurant. After scanning the list of mixed drinks and cocktails for twenty minutes, Marilou ordered a glass of tomato juice and George A. had a bottle -----of milk. Obviously, they had been impressed by "The Lost Week-End."

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Best wishes to Lou Muller on his return from Burbank Hospital. Lou reports that the food up there isn't any better than we have here at T.C.

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Julie Clougherty has hired Frannie Gaudet as chief cook and bottle washer to check on the lunchroom's latest mystery, "The Case of the Missing Milk." Frannie, with his able assistant, Bob Gaudet, is well qualified for the job as he just received his merit badge from the "Lone Ranger" for two box tops and a dime.

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Lucy Joyce's chief worry, after receiving several telegrams this week from fellows en-route home for the week-end, was, "What's the telegraph office going to think?" Hmmmm. What a week-end this will be!!

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To the Palmer Hall lieutenant with the aversion towards reconversion---"Clothes make the man."

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Those unearthly howls coming from the gym at all hours belong to the Freshmen Sextetts who take their music very seriously during practice. "No wonder I sound different, I was singing the left hand." Was it Ellen Ford or Janet Cate? That's the big question there.

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Cippy, Joe, Larry E, Tony P. and the gang are on their knees praying for snow after suffering a humiliating defeat at the hands of the "Sandwich eating crows" in a terrific snow battle one noon. They say that Ace and Giffy have lost sleep trying to develop a scientific way to produce artificial "manna from heaven."

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POME:

'Tis Sowing, 'Tis Spring
De boid is on de wing
My woid, how absoid
I tought de wing was on de boid!

Sighed by Ed Young.

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Well, that's all for this week. Keep it coming in!

<u>ASSEMBLY</u>

Miss Alic Cosacomb, Junior Red Cross Field Director, will speak in the interest of the Red Cross at assembly on March 18.

THE RILEY POLL

	WOMEN			MEN		
	Yes	No	Blank	Yes	No	Blank
1. Do you like our new paper THE TWIG?	39	1	0	28	0	0
2. Would you like to see it out weekly?	39	1	0	28	0	0
3. Would you like to see a school year-book this year?	39	1	0	22	6	0
4. Would you contribute five hours' work on it?	28	10	0	12	16	0
5. Do you like the idea of a school base-ball team?	39	1	0	28	0	0
6. Do plan to attend home baseball games?	36	3	1	25	1	2
7. Do you plan to play any tennis on the school courts this spring?	36	3	1	14	16	0
8. Do you study on Friday nights?	2	37	1	5	19	4
9. Did you throw the overalls in Mrs. Murphy's chowder?	21	4	15	12	8	8

Total number of eligible ballots 68

This column was suggested as one of the new features of our paper. Its purpose is to serve as a survey of student opinion on current problems. This first survey was thought up on the spur of the moment and the questions were not of a very high caliber. However, I gave specific instructions on the survey as to what questions you would like the student body to be asked. The response was negative. A handful of students gave some good constructive answers, while the rest failed to reply. The few replies will be the basis of next week's survey. The column requires a considerable amount of time, all of which I would gladly give, if the results merit it.

However, in the results of the poll I find several things that question its worthiness.

In twenty-four hours 76 people replied by ballot. There are 243 students in the school, so this is by no means an accurate representation of the opinions of the student body. It also proves that only 76 people called for their mail in 24 hours.

Replies to the ballots were made by 40 women and 28 men. There were four people of neuter gender, as they did not designate sex. One "phoney" ballot was recorded, as it corresponded with the signature of another ballot. We also polled three perennial adolescents. They thought everything was a big laugh and put an indication of their character on the ballot by signature and design.

Instead of putting questions on the back of their ballots, some people put down "gripes". This had led to the birth of a new column which appears for the first time in this issue entitled "Little Acorns", (to big oak trees grow).

Quite a few people have told me they like the idea of the "poll". Do you? Well, let's fill in the ballots and ask some constructive questions. I'll try the column for a few more issues to see how things turn out.

GAVELEER SOCIETY NEWS

Anyone looking over the bulletin board in the last few days couldn't help noting the impressive list of new members the Gaveleers have enrolled this year. A person knowing the majority of these boys would immediately see that here the Gavs have a striking combination of brains and initiative. When you get a group like this together, look for things to happen. It's predicted here that with these boys at the helm, the Gavs will go places in the next three years. There is just no holding down this caliber of men. It would be well to note, also, that the Gavlleers did, indeed, uphold their tradition of enrolling primarily men of keen minds and polished demeanor. With a goodly amount of athletic ability to go along with the grey matter, these fellows are well qualified to represent the school in any manner whatsoever. An organization such as this would be a credit to any school and we can afford to pat ourselves on the back to think that we have one like it here. Hats off to the Gavs!!

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Two meetings have been held by the Gaveleers to date, during which much was done in formulating plans for the future and in orientating the new members. With a minimum of inefficiency and friction, the club is settling down into a smooth running organization with some brand new features soon to come out. That's all we can say for now, except wait and see!

At the second meeting George Aherne was elected Secretary of the Society, and along with Art Lane, Jim Delaney, and Bert Hirtle the club now has a smooth working administrative team.

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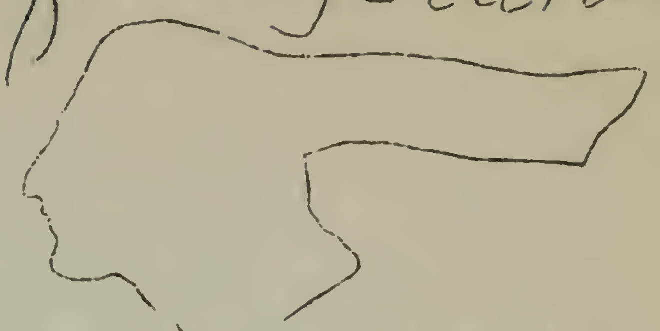

The Mohawk Tribe held their first initiation in almost three and a half years last night in the tradional ceremonial grounds. The affair culminated a week of preparation and found all candidates successfully surviving the "Ordeal of Pain".

Ceremonies started at 6:30 Thursday evening and lasted well into the night. The initiation consisted of traditional ceremonies and ritual, at the conclusion of which all candidates became full fledged members of the "Tribe of the Bear".

At the conclusion of the initiation refreshments were served, and a speech was given by Mr. Vincent Glennon of the junior high school faculty on the meaning and purposes of the Mohawk Club.

By reason of having successfully survived the "Ordeal of Pain" the following men were made full fledged Braves of the Mohawk Tribe of the State Teachers College by Chief Riley at impressive ceremonies last night:

John Apone
James P. Bruen
Anthony J. Capozza
Cafiero Ciancarelli
Ralph Cox
William Graham
Robert F. Hansen
Nelson Kendall
William Cassasa
Rodger F. Martin
Frederick Miller
Philip D. Monahan
George M. Morris
Stephen J. O'Horo
Stanley W. Potts
Eric Scott
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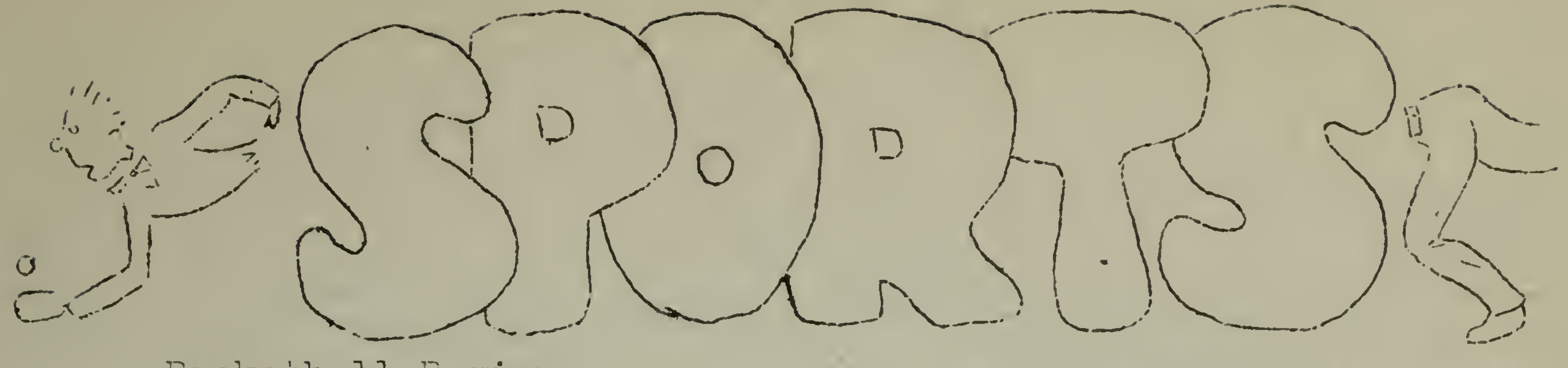

Basketball Review

Looking through the score book of our varsity basketball team's records of the past season, we find that for a fairly green team, the fellows did their utmost for the old "Alma Mater". Checking the official score book, we find that our opponents scored 169 pts. to tee-cee's 133.

Individual scorings are the following.

Name	Goals	Fouls	Totals	Ave.
Cairney	17	10	44	11.
White	11	8	30	7.50
DeMisse	11	5	27	6.75
Miller	4	9	17	4.25
Hanson	3	5	11	2.25
Morris	1	0	2	.50
Riley	0	1	1	.25
Bloom	0	1	1	.25

From the looks of things, T.C. should be well stocked and right on the top next year with new members arriving and nearly the entire team back as vets.

Baseball Roundup

At the first meeting of the baseball team held Monday, March 11th some twenty-five candidates reported for the meeting. Names and positions were taken by Coach Elliot. This year's schedule will find Fitchburg opening up with New Britain Teachers College in Connecticut on April 24. Many other games on the home and home series will be played with such schools as; Keene, Nichols, Willamatic and other schools in the New England Teachers College Conference. Candidates reporting are as follows; F. Henry, H. Corey, A. Girtan, M. Russo, R. Gionet, G. Ahern, C. Peterson, R. Buckley, W. Gearan, F. Baumgartner, R. Hanson, J. Riley, T. Cairney, J. King, F. Towle, Donghue, Sullivan, Gray, Martin, Delaney, and White.

FTC TROUNCES WORC TER AND FRAMINGHAM

Friday night the Green and White basketball teams travelled to Worcester for a round robin tournament with Framingham and Worcester teams. The Green team, captained by Kit Bourgeois, defeated one of the Framingham teams 34 to 11; Kit was also high scorer with 14 points. The White team, captained by Helen Peck, defeated a Worcester team 40 to 10; in this game, Kay Morrilly was high scorer with 20 points. In a third game Worcester defeated Framingham 33 to 19. The girls who played were Bourgeois, Farrar, Emery, Driscoll, Matthews, Marshall, Piermarini, Whitney, Drury, Peck Bickford, Morrilly, A. Driscoll, Cousins, Clark, Connors, Whetley, Johnson, and O'Connor.

FTC LOSES IN T B DMINTON TOURNAMENT TO WORC STT

Last Friday when the Green and White girls went to Worcester to play basketball, five of them also had a Badminton Tournament with WTC. Even though they lost, the girls made a good showing since it is the first time we have ever had a tournament of this nature. With a little more practice in this sport and in Ping-Pong, we may be able to defeat them next year. Miss Stafford, Phys. Ed. Director at WTC, and J. Scott defeated Miss Bolger and Iris Morley; E. Logan and M. Tucker of WTC took 2 out of 3 from M. Bickford and C. Farrar of Fitchburg. Kay Morrilly and Kit Bourgeois of FTC saved the day for us by defeating Bryson and Warner of Worcester.

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Fr. Nurses defeated the Soph. IV girls last Monday 8-7. White with 4 and Whitney with 4 led the scorers of both teams.

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Classified Ads

WANTED

WANTED- Clocks in every class-room.

WANTED TO BUY- Watches with minute hand. Please contact the Tests and Measurements Class.

WANTED - Someone to take home my mid-term marks.

A. Flunker

LOST AND FOUND

LOST - Trench coat in shower room. Please return to Mary Jean Snow.

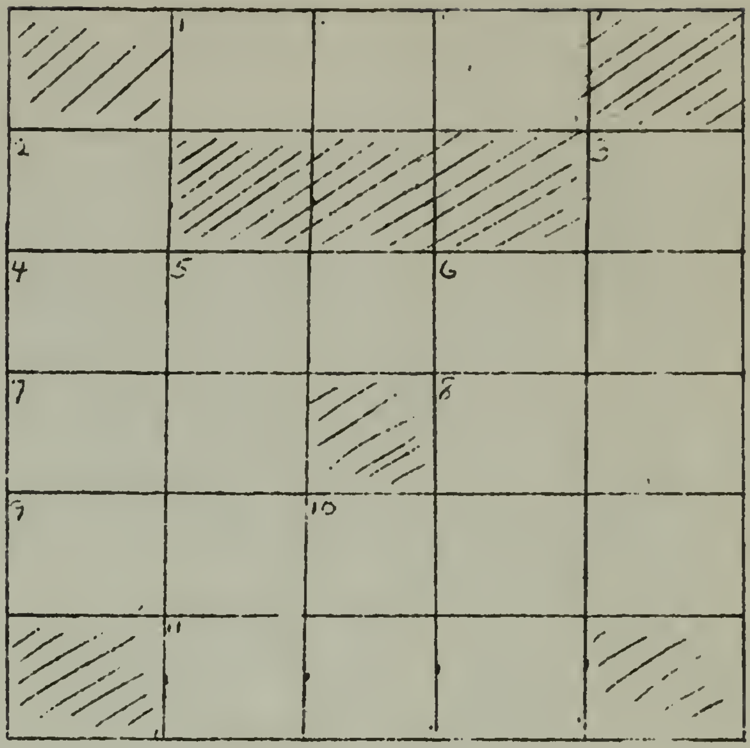
LOST- Black fountain pen with green ink. Please return to Teresa Webber. Reward.

FOUND- Flowered kerchief in the girls' day room. Call for it anytime.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE- Copy of "Sociology" by Kimball-Young. In good condition. Write L.F. Box 375.

TRY YOUR LUCK



Across

1. Speaker at assembly 3/12
4. T.C. team
7. Abb. for Industrial Arts
8. Personal pronoun
9. T.C. team
11. T.C. basketball player

Down

2. College paper
3. Form of verb 'to be'
5. A stag
6. Personal pronoun
10. Latin for "I go"

Watch this space for the Yuksic next week.

--Yuk! Yuk!